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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 10, 2008, having a three month shortened statutory period for replay set to expire on October 10, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows. Applicants are submitting this response by the two-month date of September 10, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Response/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.